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**TO:** Interested Persons and Organizations

**FROM:** Wendy V. Brown, Agency Regulatory Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** Request for Public Comment on Current Regulations:  
12 VAC 35-105-10 et seq. Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Individual and Family Developmental Disabilities Waiver, and Brain Injury Residential Services Waiver

**DATE:** August 28, 2006

Pursuant to Executive Order Number 21 (2002), the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board will review the regulations referenced above to determine whether they should be terminated, amended, or retained in their current form. The review will be guided by the principles listed in Executive Order Number 21.

The Department seeks public comment on any issue relevant to this review including whether (i) the regulation is effective in achieving its goals; (ii) the regulation is essential to protect the health, safety or welfare of citizens (iii) there are less burdensome and intrusive alternatives to the regulation; and (iv) the regulation is clearly written and easily understandable.

Written comments may be submitted until October 10, 2006, in care of Leslie Anderson, Director, Office of Licensing, 1220 Bank Street, P.O. Box 1797, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1797 by email to [regcomments@co.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov](mailto:regcomments@co.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov) by facsimile to (804) 692-0066. Please include your full name and mailing address in any correspondence. Copies of the regulations may be obtained on the Department's website at [www.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov](http://www.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov) or by contacting Leslie Anderson.

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